

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7139

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Eta Gamma chapter of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

WHEREAS, founded on May 15, 1851, Alpha Delta Pi is the oldest secret society for college women in the world and was established at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, the first-ever college chartered to grant degrees to women; and

WHEREAS, the story of Alpha Delta Pi begins with Eugenia Tucker, who entered Wesleyan College at only sixteen years of age; before the end of her first semester, she established the sorority to form "an association for improvement" among her college peers; and

WHEREAS, the founders of Alpha Delta Pi were Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald, Ella Pierce Turner, Sophronia Woodruff Dews, Octavia Andrew Rush, Mary Evans Glass, and Elizabeth Williams Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, more than 172 years after its founding, Alpha Delta Pi remains dedicated to lifelong personal growth and friendships; boasting over 150 collegiate chapters throughout the United States and Canada, the organization offers education and leadership development in addition to sisterhood, service, and social events; and

WHEREAS, the Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority was organized at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville on March 6, 1983; three members attended the National Alpha Delta Pi Grand Convention and were initiated on June 19, 1983, in West Palm Beach, Florida, and began the process of establishing the chapter at Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five additional members were initiated in Clarksville on November 19, 1983, the same day the Eta Gamma chapter received its charter from the executive office of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Eta Gamma has held true to the tenets of the sorority, strengthening the character and attitude of its members, recognizing the value of high educational standards, and developing faith and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, the chapter continues to proudly don the symbols of Alpha Delta Pi: the official colors of azure blue and white, symbolic of friendship, sincerity, and truth; the woodland violet, which grows wild and cannot be bought; and the lion, representing strength, courage, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Delta Pi will celebrate the chapter's fortieth anniversary on November 4, 2023, with a special event to be held in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, it is our privilege to honor the legacy of this esteemed chapter of one of our nation's premier service organizations at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary, extending our gratitude for the chapter's enduring contributions to this State and our best wishes for its continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.